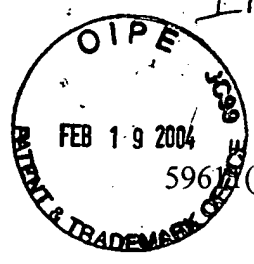


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 14, 2004, submitted herewith is a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

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